

Abstract

A system and method for predicting the postage for the mailing of a physical hardcopy of a print job or print job. The print job includes a series of attributes that define the characteristics of the hardcopy, these characteristics
5 are used to calculate the weight and size of the print job and then a postage rate scale for the carrier is applied to determine the postage, or shipping cost. The calculated postage is printed on the appropriate portion of the hardcopy of the print job. Postage or shipping cost is automatically billed to an account.

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